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The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Mr. Director:

I enclose for your review a Committee Staff Study, The Quality and Utility of U. S. Intelligence concerning China. This study has been prepared by the Subcommittee on Collection, Production and Quality, chaired by Senator Adlai E. Stevenson.

The study is an overview of the contribution which intelligence can be expected to make to those specific questions of most importance to U. S. policymakers concerning China. The study examines the improvements which have occurred in the intelligence community's effort on China in the last few years, and the realistic prospects for further improvement; the study also offers recommendations for narrowing certain of the many intelligence gaps which still exist.

I wish to express my thanks for the assistance the intelligence community has given the Committee in this endeavor. The study is based on extensive examination of community materials and interviews of producers and policymaking consumers.

The Committee would appreciate receiving your comment on this study. Once we have your views, the Committee will produce a revised version of the study for very limited

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distribution to senior members of the executive branch. At that time the Committee will also consider publishing a brief, suitably sanitized version for the public; we would appreciate learning your views on this particular question.

Thank you for assisting the work of this Committee.

All best wishes,

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